Chinese literature air-dropped in Orissa

2708. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen press reports Statesman, dated the 30th July, 1987) to the effect that a huge balloon dropped packets containing Chinese literature and eatables in certain areas of Orissa on 28th July, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that after carrying out the air-dropping mission, the balloon disappeared in the sky;

(c) whether any action was taken to intercept the balloon; and

(d) whether any investigations have been carried out to find out the origin of the balloon, and if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF . STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Facts are being ascertained from the Government of Orissa and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pollution caused by two wheelers and three wheelers in Delhi

2709. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no threat of environment pollution in Delhi because of two-wheelers or three-wheelers; and

(b) what is the report of the survey conducted by the Central Water Pollution Board and the Indian Oil Corporation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The Oratral Boards for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation monitored the carbon monoxide emission from petrol driven vehicles plying on the roads of Delhi. The survey indicated 58 per cent of the total vehicles monitored compiled with the prescribed emission standards of 4.5 per cent for carbon monoxide in the exhausts of two and three-wheelera and 51 per cent of the total cars monitored have complied with the prescribed emission standards of 4 per cent of carbonmonox'-de in the exhaust of four-wheelers.

Export quota distribution policy

2710. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV; SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: SHRI MIRZA IRSHAD BAIG:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the past and present export quota distribution policies of Government;

(b) what is the reasons for switching over to Past Performance Quota (PPQ) in preference to earlier policy of first come first served basis;

(c) whether it is a fact that the now policy has resulted in monopolisation of the entire export trade in the hands of a few and has thrown out of business of small exporters; and

(d) whether Government contemplate to introduce 100 per cent PPQ which will result in elimination of all small exporters

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) (a) The Policy for allocation of export entitlement for garments and knitwear has been evolved over the years in order to improve the system and scope of distribution to achieve the major objectives of the policy viz (i) fuller utilisation of annual levels, (ii) higher unit value realisation, (iii) orderly development of trade and industry and (iv) maximising net foreign exchange earnings. The annual levels under the various systems